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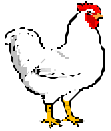
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the East and Midwest, ranging steady to firm. In the West, prices were unchanged and market mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to very good with best movement for retail ads, catering businesses, and fast food. Supplies were close to short for smaller sized product, but heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, trading was light to good, but often affected by truck shortages. Dark meat was adequate to tight with best movement, and wings were readily available. Breast items were irregular, ranging better balanced to close in most locations, but at least adequate in others. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06-JUNE-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	67.00-70.00	55.00-78.00	69.12	29
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	64.00-82.00	74.49	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
996	70.38-76.00	74.40
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.00	1,217
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,758
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,312
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.50	1,046
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	7,023
WINGS	83.50	3,005

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area increased 1 cent from Monday's final. The market tone was steady to firm on whole broiler/fryers. Demand into all channels was irregular with best demand centered close to major market terminals. Retail and food service call was light to very good; catering, retail features and some fast food were most active. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to trending heavy. Parts trade was hampered by trucking issues and lackluster buyer interest. Supplies of tenderloins were burdensome, wings fully available, whole and boneless/skinless breasts adequate to plentiful and dark meat was adequate to tight. The market tone was steady to firm on leg items, weak on tenderloins, and steady with a cautious undertone on breast cuts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and where first of the month business was active. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was balanced to tight and continued to move well, aided by export business. Wings and tenders were in the longest positions, but all other breast cuts were in good supply to well cleared, particularly bone-in. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading on product for next week's deliveries was at mainly unchanged, to instances higher, prices on regular commitments; and new negotiations at generally unchanged prices. Offerings of lightweight whole body product was in fairly good balance and easily adequate on heavy weights. Retailer demand good overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was about steady on wings, at least steady on breasts and firm on dark meat items.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the week-end. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balanced to tight; heavier sizes were fully sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the lighter sizes; heavier sizes were generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were in close balance and clearing. Wings were fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to moderately good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 73 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate at some points, closely cleared at others. Leg cuts, particularly drums and thighs were in good balance to no more than adequate. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	63-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	79.19
NO. OF BOXES	3,395
CUMULATIVE	
	05/30/05-06/03/05
	05/31/04-06/04/04
NO. OF BOXES	26,386
	05/31/04-06/04/04
	32,259

JUN 02

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUN 03

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	610	117.00-185.00	125-129	129.05	525	122.00-186.50	125-130	128.42	2,450	131.81
TENDERLOINS	143	100.00-180.00	120-125	123.01	153	105.00-189.00	-	117.24	717	121.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	82.00-89.00	84-86	85.00	97	80.00-92.00	84-85	85.93	304	85.02
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				195	73.95
LEGS	120	52.00-62.00	-	58.67	TOO FEW TO REPORT				264	55.94
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	522	38.00-41.00	39	38.50	507	37.00-40.00	38-39	38.58	2,073	37.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	39.00-43.00	40-41	40.36	1,220	39.00-43.00	40-41	40.38	4,051	40.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	70.00-84.00	-	81.06	300	70.00-85.00	80-84	81.25	1,135	81.95
WINGS (CUT)	325	87.00-98.00	95-97	95.86	446	87.00-98.00	94-97	95.82	1,499	95.87
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71	272	56.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	55.57
B/S THIGHS	120	94.00-113.00	-	103.67	105	95.00-113.00	-	105.29	385	106.12

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR JUN 02, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.										

RANGETODAY'S AVERAGERANGETODAY'S AVERAGE5-DAY AVERAGE

54.00 - 60.00

57.25

53.50 - 59.50

56.22

56.03

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate for current needs; bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Leg quarters drums and thighs were in good balance to tight. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was generally steady on boneless skinless breasts; fully steady on bone-in breasts; fully steady to firm on most dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JUN 02, 2005

JUN 03, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**				
BREAST - B/S	140	137.52	629,040		140	138.59	634,000	137.35		2,658,580
TENDERLOINS	130	127.15	222,450		130	128.82	164,440	129.12		689,965
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	91.69	122,120		86-87	91.62	76,840	91.93		471,888
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	88.00	81,040		86	89.88	72,000	87.65		335,160
LEGS	52-53	53.83	109,360		53-54	55.38	123,440	55.40		624,060
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.49	391,360		41-42	40.27	222,520	39.80		1,289,520
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	51.30	141,240		47-48	50.01	239,280	50.11		722,540
THIGHS	46-47	53.47	75,960		48-49	55.12	66,360	53.54		369,920
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.96	88,160		104-105	100.27	120,960	100.66		436,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	88.30	103,560		82-83	84.20	130,700	86.96		505,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.74	17,600		10-12	11.66	17,200	11.80		61,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.32	16,800		35-40	31.16	11,960	33.39		65,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.75	23,160		45-50	49.46	12,760	47.63		114,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
Alabama	4,225	4,061	4,065	4,021	5.37	5.38	4,427	5.22			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	6,026	5,500	5,396	5,220	5.20	5.29	5,382	5.02			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,363	2,313	2,284	2,300	5.38	5.76	3,005	5.63			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,369	2,285	2,233	2,211	5.02	5.13	2,399	4.98			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,445	3,124	3,078	2,969	5.68	5.78	3,194	5.69			DUCKS	
North Carolina	3,092	2,550	2,548	2,430	6.62	6.66	3,092	6.54			RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,473	2,496	2,469	2,507	5.23	5.26	2,474	5.18			RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	23,993	22,329	22,073	21,658	5.47	5.56	23,973	5.39				
Mon-Fri	102,146(A)						110,936(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jun-05 and 04-Jun-05 is estimated to be 35,896,000 head down 0.22 percent from a week ago and down -0.49 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,974,000, last year 36,071,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 04-Jun-05 is estimated to be 147,165,000 head down 9.17 percent from a week ago, and up 3.03 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,024,000, last year 142,840,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 21-May-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,163	27,773	50,668
Avg Weight	3.70	4.80	6.50
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
Comparisons			
Last week	24,951	23,888	51,044
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.57
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,793	18,741	47,778
Avg Weight	3.60	4.75	6.30
% of total /1	29%	20%	51%

To date/2005	556,523	421,832	985,598
To date/2004	527,604	434,581	904,722

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 28-May-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----Thousands-----				

Head	162,024	1,646	1,401	3,047	490
Avg Wt	5.23	3.32	8.13	5.53	6.41
Last week	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249	487
Same wk yr ago	161,220	1,403	1,382	2,785	472
Avg Wt	5.25	3.41	8.01	5.69	6.78
To-date/2005	3,323,903	32,582	28,614	61,196	10,585
To-date/2004	3,247,678	27,670	26,920	54,590	9,655

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 2.5 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -MAY 31, 2005 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED **AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.35 - 1.40
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.40
Pekin Ducks	4.75 - 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.12 - 1.17
Banty Roosters	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.35 - .45 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Pigeons	3.85 - 4.25 ea.
White Pigeons	6.50 - 7.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.45 - 1.55
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .10 ea.
Goats	35.00 -37.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 -27.00 ea.
Doves	3.75 - 5.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 544

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-MAY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64.00-74.50	69.00-73.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	76.00-83.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 30-MAY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	23	163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
	30	164.7	166.1	99%	5.46
May	7	166.0	166.1	100%	5.30
	14	165.3	166.3	99%	5.32
	21	165.0	166.3	99%	5.30
	28	164.0	166.5	98%	5.23
Year to date		3364.2	3434.3	98%	
June	4		165.9		
	11		167.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>06/04/05</u>	<u>05/21/05</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>05/29/04</u>	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	147,165	162,024*	-9.17	142,840*	+3.03
Cattle	568	657	-14	578*	-02
Hogs	1,653	1,947	-15	1,632*	+01

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 27-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-31 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Pricing for spent light hens was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the good demand. Trade sentiment remained steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	1.5-8.5	4.5-5.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-JUNE-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules reduced by the holiday. Offerings adequate to ample.

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